

# The Sentinel

## Priest's Ponderings

As we come to the month of October, we recognize that things will be changing. By the end of the month the leaves will be a different color (if on the trees at all), the days will be shorter, and the outside temperature will be cooler. It will be a new environment and a new world.

Change does not come easy for most of us. We avoid it as much as possible. Sometimes we actively fight it. Like the seasons, however, change is very natural and going to occur whether we desire it or not.

In December I will have been with you for 7 years as your priest. I will be honest that most of my time has been spent in the maintenance of our congregation and its life. We have been successful in that regard, while also showing some good progress in many areas. Still, I have not actively been a catalyst for change. Like many of you, I prefer a quiet evolution over a dramatic revolution. The phrase, "holding things together," comes to mind about my years here, which is probably what a Priest in Charge is supposed to do.

Regardless, all of us are much different than in December 2007. All of us have experienced many seasons of change. Such has occurred with or without our effort. Fortunately, God is the constant, and he will get us where we need to be. Once there, we shall see he knew exactly what he was doing.....even despite us. RSC+

## Saint of the Month William Tyndale

Feast Day October 6- William Tyndale (1494-1536) Biblical translator and martyr; born most probably at North Nibley (15 miles south-west of Gloucester), England, in 1494; died at Vilvoorden (6 miles north-east of Brussels), Belgium, Oct. 6, 1536.

He was a theologian and scholar who translated the Bible into an early form of Modern English from Latin. He was the first person to take advantage of Gutenberg's movable-type press for the purpose of printing the scriptures in the English language. Besides translating the Bible, Tyndale also held and published views which were considered heretical, first by the Roman Catholic Church, and later by the Church of England which was established by Henry VIII. His Bible translation also included notes and commentary promoting these views. Tyndale's translation was banned by the authorities, and Tyndale himself was burned at the stake in 1536, at the instigation of agents of Henry VIII and the Anglican Church. His martyrdom shows you can't please everyone all of the time, even if you do tremendous things!

## News from Tom Joy Elementary School

The faculty and staff would like extend our deepest gratitude to the entire St. James congregation for their generous financial contributions. The funds will assist us in building our vision and mission at Tom Joy.

Our young students arrived at school full of enthusiasm and excitement for the new school year. This past week the students participated in College Awareness Week. Students learned about the different colleges and universities that their teachers attended. Teachers decorated their doors with a wide variety of colorful college themes. The students signed a (*continued on page 3*)



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## Calendar

*Tuesday, October 21st:*  
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

*Friday, October 24th:*  
Sentinel Article Deadline

*Sunday, October 26th:*  
Hayride & Picnic at the Webbs

## October Birthdays

Joe Reese	10/5
Lari Spain	10/10
David Gaines	10/14
Anubha Sinha	10/16
Cindy Reese	10/16
Debbie Denning	10/16
Ken Saefkow	10/18
Tony McFarland	10/22
Patrick McFarland	10/22

If we have failed to include your birthday this month, please let us know. Our list is continually evolving ☺

## Member of the Month: Joy Mayfield

My name is Joy Mayfield. I have been attending the 8 a.m. service at St. James the Less since last November and I haven't been asked to leave yet so I guess I've been accepted!

I was a member of St. Ann's in East Nashville prior to transferring my membership to St. James the Less. I am a cradle Episcopalian. I was raised in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland, by my mother (piano teacher) and my father (stockbroker). I have 2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers. I'm stuck in the dreaded middle child position so remember.... Be kind.

After high school I left Maryland to pursue a degree in Humanities at Florida State University. I wanted to live wherever my feet would stay warm all winter. Oh, I was really motivated to go to college!

I moved to Nashville in 1973 and got a job at Baptist Hospital as a Liaison Officer. I remained in the medical field in various capacities until I retired in May of 2013.

I have a spouse, John, 2 grown sons and 1 grown stepdaughter. No

↳ "Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most." -Mark Twain ◀

## October Lay Assignments

### October 5th:

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & David Gaines  
Lector: Harry Spain  
Crucifer: Joel Sinha  
Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese  
Altar Guild: Judy Stewart & Joan Wells  
Coffee Hour: Anubha Sinha

### October 12th:

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese  
Lector: Marcille Gustina  
Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy  
Ushers: Rick Webb & George Womack  
Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom  
Coffee Hour: The Lyons Family

### October 19th:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace  
Lector: Tony McFarland  
Crucifer: Joel Sinha  
Ushers: Pete Mace & Mike Deweese  
Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Jane Deweese  
Coffee Hour: Tony McFarland

### October 26th:

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb  
Lector: David Gaines  
Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy  
Ushers: Rick Webb & Pete Mace  
Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart  
Coffee Hour: Gail McNally

grandchildren. Just grand-cats.

We moved to Union Hill (pronounced "heel") from South Nashville 10 years ago in search of peace and quiet and a place to expand our organic vegetable gardens.

My volunteer work includes my master gardening project at Mansker's Station (18th century crops and a butterfly garden) and serving as the Education Chair for the Middle Tennessee Group Sierra Club. Oh, I failed to mention I was an "old hippie," didn't I? For the past 4 years I have enjoyed being a guest speaker at different Metro schools on behalf of The Sierra Club (lectures on trees and recycling) and The Cumberland Harpeth Audubon Society (bird identification). These rewarding classroom experiences led me to pursue Tennessee Naturalist certification, which I was awarded 2 years ago. Since 2007 I have been spending most of my summers as a hike leader with Nashville ICO (Inner City Outings), which is an outreach arm of The Sierra Club. Our mission is to "leave no child indoors" and to combat NDD (nature deficit disorder). This has been the richest experience of my life.

I look forward to my newest volunteer experience, tutoring the second graders at Tom Joy Elementary School. I am so glad we are stretching ourselves at St. James and serving "the least of these."

## Fall Clean Up Day

The Clean-Up Day in September was a remarkable and sparkling event. We shall remember it for a long time. Our thanks to Harry Spain for coordinating this gathering to reimagine the Protestant Work Ethic.

## Hay Ride and Picnic

Mark your calendars to attend a picnic and hayride at the home of Rick & Cindy Webb on October 26th. The fun begins at 3:00 pm. The Webbs reside at 2436 Henry Gower Road in Pleasant View and can be reached at 615-746-5650. Our thanks to Sandra & Steve Womack and Dari Shadwick for assisting in coordinating this event ☺

## From The Loft

The Fall Choir Season is off to a good start. I appreciate the choir members' faithfulness.

If you have favorite selections or have a choir prospect, PLEASE let me know.

On occasion I enjoy reading/praying the prayer below. I want to share it with you.

From the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 819

17. For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Interesting, I found this quote this morning that goes along with the above:

"Peace comes in knowing we are doing our best with what God has given us to use."

Enjoy "October's bright blue weather."

In His Service,  
Genevieve Lish, Organist/Choir Director

## News from Tom Joy Elementary School (continued from page 1)

"Commitment to Attend College" banner and talked about their plans to attend the college of their choice.

The first and second grade students are actively preparing for a performance on October 30th at 5:30 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to this amazing musical event!

Because of your outpouring of financial generosity, donations, prayers, reading volunteers and a willingness to support the Tom Joy family, the world through our children is changed.

## Vestry Notes from September

- Potential Projects for Clean Up Day
- Completed Projects: Downed Power Line and Repairs to Mens' Room Toilet
- Tabling Sound System upgrades due to veto from Lay Readers
- Parking Lot concerns relating to cracks and sealing
- Ballasts in Parish Hall Lights needing replacement
- Lock on Door in Nursery being changed since existing one broken
- Spiders in the furnace shutting off the heating system
- Successful commencement of Fall Activities
- Tremendous Response to Tom Joy School initiatives
- Election of New Members in January: Ken Saefkow, Dari Shadwick are willing for re-election. Two new members needed.

## Financial Update

Parish Financial Highlights September	
Year To Date Income	\$90,972
Year to Date Expense	\$85,665
Balance	\$5,307
For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.	

## Ministries

During October we are back to the *Room in the Inn* for our outreach collection. This month we seek AA and AAA batteries.

Drop off is now on the piano bench in the nave. Kudos to all for their faithfulness and generosity!

*The Ladies: At it Again!*

Watch the weekly bulletin for information about the Ladies' Group of St. James and their shenanigans. For more information see Debbie Denning or Father Courtney.

*Youth Ministry*

This year Teenagers and Middle Schoolers will learn about acolyte training, preparation for Confirmation, and participate in a community service project. We are pleased to have a group of 6 members, and they are amazingly a coalition of the willing!

The Sunday School students are approaching the second part of our third quarter's series: *Beginning of God's People*. They will learn that they are part of God's people.

*Community Grief Group*

Grief Group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Flyers are available in the front hallway if you know of anyone who could benefit from learning more of the grief process and finding resources to assist them.

*Taekwondo*

We teach a philosophy of constant and never ending improvement that is introduced in four stages. The second stage is inspiration, "With goals firmly in mind, the students must learn to self-inspire themselves into action, as they develop a sense of self-worth. Without this, one may never strive for success as they may feel they do not deserve the rewards that accompany achievement."

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**Church Schedule**

*Sunday*  
Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM  
Adult Education – 9:30 AM  
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM  
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM  
  
*Wednesday*  
Grief Group – 6:30 PM  
Choir Practice – 7:00 PM  
  
*Monday & Thursday*  
Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM  
  
*Saturday*  
Eucharist – 5:00 PM

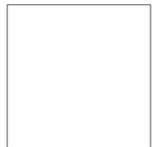
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**News from the Diocese of Tennessee**

Trinity Church, Winchester would like to invite people in the Diocese of Tennessee to a new downtown event: Winchester Wriggle: An Evening of Art and Music. Friday, September 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the Square in Winchester, downtown business owners will present food, artists, bands and musicians – including Marsha Carnahan (who attends Trinity and is the Dream Coach). She will be participating by presenting her artwork and playing the Native American flute. Along with the featured art, there will be a silent auction of art created by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from across the state. This event is presented by the Winchester Downtown Program in partnership with the Tennessee Main Street Program.

**Christmas Pageant**

We are delighted that our elementary Sunday School Class has approximately ten members, and they are willing to entertain us with a wonderful Christmas story in December. Talk about Christmas miracles! For more information, see Jane Emery.



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